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- 11. (SBU) Per reftel, post demarched Bosnian MFA Director of Bilateral Affairs Jasmina Pasalic on January 5, soliciting Bosnia's assistance in encouraging Iran to free Amcits who have been imprisoned. Post provided para 7 of reftel as non-paper to Pasalic.
- 12. (SBU) Pasalic had no substantive reply to the cases in question, but advised that Bosnian MFA would continue to raise human rights issues with the Iranians in periodic meetings, and would consider the Amcit cases as a possible topic for use in such human rights talks. Pasalic expressed her concern generally about the use of detention and other practices in Iran against students, protesters, and others the regime seeks to pressure, and appeared knowledgeable about Iran-related issues generally.
- 13. (SBU) Pasalic advised she would meet on January 5 with the BiH ambassador on his way out to Tehran, and committed to providing him the non-paper regarding the Amcit cases.
- $\P 4$ . (SBU) Post will report on any further developments in the matter. MOORE